GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3811
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PROBLEMS OF CEMENT FACTORY
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a): whether cement sector reeled under the impact of depressed per unit realization in the current financial year even though there is a increase in the production and sales;

(b): if so, the reasons responsible for this;

(c): whether the Government propose to intervene in the matter; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE & INDUSTRY (DR. RAMAN SINGH)

(a)to (d): It is a fact that both production and sale (consumption) of cement during the first seven months of the current year have registered increase over the production and sale of cement in the corresponding period during 2001-02. Production registered an increase of 9.33% as it rose from 60.45 million tonnes to 66.09 million tonnes and sale registered an increase of 9.56% as it rose from 58.6 million tonnes to 64.2 million tonnes.

The prices of cement responsible for realizations of cement manufacturing units during the current year as shown in the statement annexed have, however, not shown any abnormal general downward trend. In some consumption centres prices have marginally gone up whereas in others these have gone down marginally. These are normal fluctuations in the price of fully decontrolled commodity of cement caused due to operation of market forces of demand and supply and hence Government does not intend to intervene.

The Government intervenes only when certain members of the industry indulge in malafide trade practices to have a monopolistic control over the production and prices.

Annexure

Annexure referred to in reply to Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No.3811 for answer on 13th December, 2002 regarding problems of cement indsutry

Region/Centre	Apr-02	May-02	Jun-02	Jul.02	Aug.02	Sep-02	Oct-02
Northern Region							
Delhi	131	136	131	131	135	130	130
Karnal	137	140	137	137	141	135	136
Chandigarh	143	145	143	140	136	140	142
Jaipur	120	132	120	118	120	114	119
Rohtak	129	132	128	129	134	124	125
Bhatinda	142	141	142	137	136	133	139
Ludhiana	147	150	146	143	140	139	144
Jammu	186	183	178	177	177	177	181
Simla	165	162	158	156	153	152	153
Eastern Region							
Calcutta	134	148	148	153	153	153	153
Patna	129	138	137	140	140	139	137
Bhubaneswar	121	137	138	148	152	149	143
Gauwhati	172	172	172	172	172	172	172
Muzaffarpur	131	137	138	143	143	141	139
Western Region							
Mumbai	159	160	158	150	144	128	151
Ahmedabad	136	138	141	137	137	129	127
Nagpur	122	123	123	119	113	107	106
Pune	121	131	124	112	105	107	123
Rajkot	136	138	141	137	137	129	127
Baroda	136	138	141	137	137	129	127
Surat	136	138	141	137	137	129	127
Southern Region							
Chennai	159	156	147	140	137	128	126
Trivandrum	164	162	156	146	141	133	131
Bangalore	131	133	134	136	139	135	138
Hyderabad	115	111	105	104	105	105	120
Calicut	164	162	156	146	141	136	136

Visakhapatnam 123 118 115 116 120 120 133
Goa 130 133 134 133 130 137 128
Central Region
Lucknow 130 129 134 143 143 133 128
Meerut 132 137 133 138 138 131 132
Faizabad 123 126 134 141 139 128 125
Bareilly 127 131 134 138 136 131 134
Bhopal 119 123 124 127 128 120 114